

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## June 2021

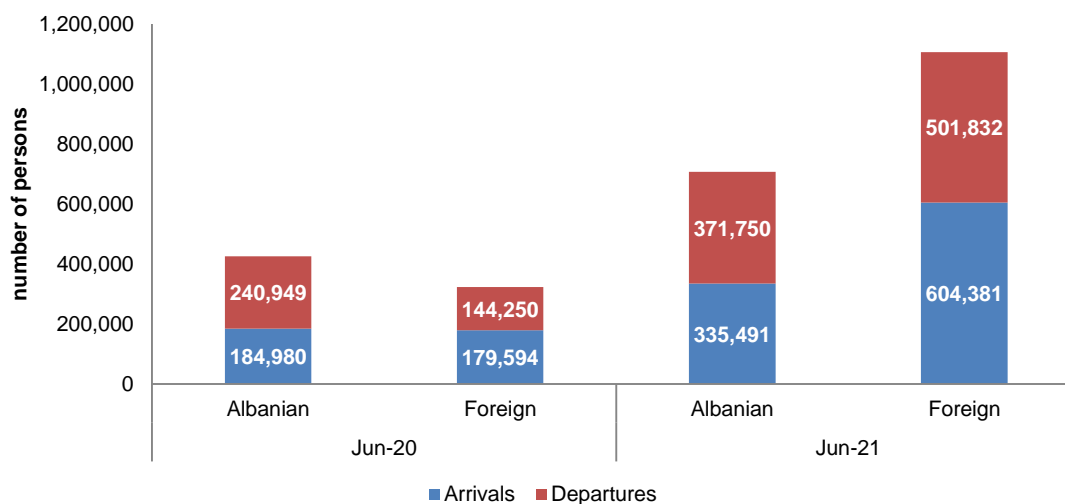
**Tirana, 23 July 2021:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in June 2021 are 939,872. Compared with June 2020, this indicator results in a 2.6 times increase. In June 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 604,381. Compared with June 2020, this indicator results in a 3.4 times increase.

### Citizen's arrivals

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first six months of 2021, is 1,687,919, increasing by 2.2 times, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

During the first six months of 2021, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Poland had the largest increase by 13.8 times and Switzerland by 2.7 times, while the most significant decrease had Greece by 69.6 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.2).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



### Citizen's departures

Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during June 2021 are 873,582 marking a 2.3 times increase, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2021 are 371,750. Compared to June 2020, this number has increased by 54.3%. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2021 are 501,832. Compared to June 2020, this indicator results in a 3.5 times increase.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the first six months of 2021 is 1.703.123. This indicator increased by 23,4 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab1).

**Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens**

Period	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021	January-June 2019	January-June 2020	January-June 2021
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>1,080,464</b>	<b>364,574</b>	<b>939,872</b>	<b>4,601,506</b>	<b>2,019,285</b>	<b>3,172,377</b>
Albanian	450,130	184,980	335,491	2,464,554	1,237,391	1,484,458
Foreign	630,334	179,594	604,381	2,136,952	781,894	1,687,919
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>1,103,782</b>	<b>385,199</b>	<b>873,582</b>	<b>4,820,911</b>	<b>2,221,843</b>	<b>3,210,305</b>
Albanian	459,567	240,949	371,750	2,656,440	1,380,308	1,703,123
Foreign	644,215	144,250	501,832	2,164,471	841,535	1,507,182

*The data are influenced by the pandemic measures imposed in June 2020.*

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021	January-June 2019	January-June 2020	January-June 2021
Kosovo	213,550	109,517	334,908	608,649	298,162	641,767
North Macedonia	67,767	9,878	68,522	276,987	103,183	176,695
Greece	45,889	19,366	15,809	251,501	109,098	33,159
Italy	41,506	4,963	27,582	159,177	49,556	64,565
United Kingdom	14,357	2,132	5,365	46,487	16,751	22,359
Montenegro	37,867	16,689	32,861	190,236	91,139	111,513
Poland	25,909	383	19,890	38,974	1,814	25,096
USA	17,757	770	12,620	48,810	9,502	22,212
Spain	3,620	44	812	9,247	1,184	1,784
Germany	20,046	2,634	10,277	59,486	13,877	22,494
Switzerland	5,019	1,189	4,316	18,797	4,442	11,832
Others	137,047	12,029	71,419	428,601	83,186	554,443
<b>Total</b>	<b>630,334</b>	<b>179,594</b>	<b>604,381</b>	<b>2,136,952</b>	<b>781,894</b>	<b>1,687,919</b>

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**Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

Period	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021	January-June 2019	January-June 2020	January-June 2021
Arrivals foreign citizens	630,334	179,594	604,381	2,136,952	781,894	1,687,919
I. Personal	621,213	168,652	594,088	2,089,488	728,964	1,644,128
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	601,316	164,905	575,740	2,002,373	699,077	1,580,166
2. Religious	63	20	53	465	110	413
3. Transit	19,834	3,727	18,295	86,650	29,777	63,549
II. Business and professional	9,121	10,942	10,293	47,464	52,930	43,791

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**Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel**

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
June 2019	165,467	84,457	830,540	146,827	72,580	884,375
June 2020	19,961	14,402	330,211	8,568	29,865	346,766
June 2021	143,247	29,854	766,771	115,446	19,292	738,844
January- June 2019	708,660	261,808	3,631,038	698,242	275,379	3,847,290
January- June 2020	279,018	83,289	1,656,978	279,440	114,290	1,828,113
January- June 2021	385,684	122,938	2,663,755	366,032	107,315	2,736,958

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# Methodology

The purpose of the publication for arrivals and departures of Albanian and foreign citizens, by means of transport (sea, air, land and border points), is the measurement of some statistical indicators related to tourism.

## Definitions

**Arrivals:** Include all entries at the border points (by, air, sea and land).

An arrival is a concept that refers to all entries. A person who visits some countries simultaneously during the year is counted every time as a new entry.

**Departures:** Includes all exits at the border points. Departures measure the flow of citizens who leave the country of reference. A person who leaves the country of reference several times during a year is always counted as a new exit.

**Visitor:** For statistical purposes on tourism, the term "visitor" represents a "person who travels in a different place from that in which he resides, in a period shorter than 12 months and major aim of travel in the place visited is a non-profit activity".

The purpose of the trip includes visits of visitors and tourists for:

Visits for *personal purposes* grouped as follows:

1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.;
2. Religious;
3. Transit.

Visits for *Business category* include all business and professional activities outside the usual environment.

**Data Source:** Administrative data are provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs (State Police, Border and Migration Directorate).

The data are preliminary and subject of revisions. For more information refer to:

[http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/Statistical revision policy](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/Statistical%20revision%20policy).

**The statistical differences between arrivals and departures of Albanian or foreign nationals come mainly from:**

- Law No.71 / 2016 "On Border Control", Article 17 "Facilitation of Border Verifications", where during the tourist season or increased inflow, at the moment of entry of citizens at the border, does not register all the incoming citizens;
- The facilitating procedures applied to residents of border areas crossing the border due to their commercial activity, when they cross several times a day, are not registered at the entrance;
- A good share of Albanians hold dual citizenship, who at the time of border crossing June declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.